

The National Park Service manages a broad array of both natural and cultural resources in over 400 units across the United States and its territories. The National Park Service Organic Act established the mission for the NPS to conserve these resources unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

Natural resources, processes and values are all included in the term “natural resources.” Some examples include:

- biological resources (native plants, animals and communities)
- biological processes (air, water, geology, natural soundscapes and clear skies)
- physical processes (weather, erosion, wildland fire, cave formation)
- ecosystems and highly valued associated characteristics, such as scenic views

Cultural Resources include:

- archeological resources (sites, artifact collections, associated documentation)
- ethnographic resources (sites, collections, values, traditions)
- museum collections (artifacts, specimens archives, objects)
- cultural landscapes (historic sites and historic designed landscapes)
- historic and prehistoric structures and sites (monuments, buildings, roadways)
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In addition, the National Park Service works with communities to preserve and protect natural and cultural resources within and beyond park boundaries through a variety of partnership programs.

The National Park Service has always been in the resource conservation business. The protection and management of resources is challenging and the Service strives to understand, maintain, restore and protect integrated components of these landscapes to be preserved while providing for meaningful and appropriate opportunities to enjoy them.

Appropriate management actions help to ensure natural and cultural resources are not injured or lost. To that end, George Washington Birthplace National Monument establishes annual resource management goals. These goals are developed with input from a variety of National park Service professionals and are relevant to *A Call to Action: Preparing for a Second Century of Stewardship and Engagement*.

The 2016 Resource Management goals for George Washington Birthplace are:

- Maintain 40% of shoreline acres infested with phragmites invasive free and monitor additional park acreage for further spread of other invasive plants (C2A 22)
- Evaluate four archeological sites for climate change vulnerability (C2A 21)
- Update the museum collections Scope of Collections Statement (C2A 28)
- Complete a condition assessment of the Historic Core, as considered in the context of a larger Colonial Revival Landscape, and begin to develop a large-scale cyclic maintenance plan for the Core (C2A 24 & 28)
- Clean and repair the historic Washington Monument Obelisk (C2A 24)
- Install energy and water saving devices in one park building (C2A 23)

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